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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Devon C. Kramer

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 April 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1) A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 4/7/06 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2) The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3) Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kusano (6290310).

Kusano provides a braking system for a vehicle, comprising: a braking device which puts a brake on a vehicle (figure 1); an operating device which includes an operating member (BP) that is operated by a driver of the vehicle in a braking force increasing direction, that is, an operating direction in which a braking force of the braking device is increased or in a braking force decreasing direction, that is, an operating direction in which the braking force of the braking device is decreased; and a

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control device (ECU) which decides a target control value (108) for controlling the braking device based on an operation state amount and operation state of the operating member and which controls the braking device based on the decided target control value, wherein the control device includes an operating direction-dependant target control value deciding portion, that determines a relationship between the operation state amount and the target control value based on the operation state of the operating member and uses the determined relationship to set at least one of: an increasing direction target control value that is the target control value when the operating member is operated in the braking force increasing direction, and a decreasing direction target control value that is the target control value when the operating member is operated in the braking force decreasing direction to values different from each other at least in part of a control range. Please note that the values are going to be different, because the rate of change in the apply direction should be greater than the rate of change in the release direction. Further, the two values are different because one is a positive value and the other is a negative value. Please note that Kusano uses both a brake operation force detector and a stroke detector. Please note that figure 2 of Kusano shows a loop. The loop decides the increasing or decreasing target control value as it cycles through.

Response to Arguments

4) Applicant's arguments filed 4/7/06 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that Kusano lacks the teaching of the value of the increasing direction control value and the decreasing direction control value being different from each other at least in part of the control range. Please note that it is

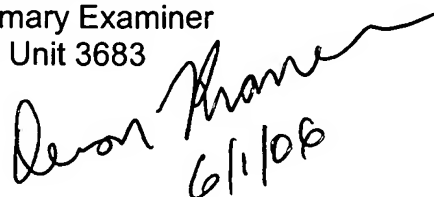
inherent that the values will be different **at least in part of the control range** because of differing means of pressurizing and depressurizing the brakes. Please note that one value being negative and one being positive is considered different values.

5) Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Devon C. Kramer whose telephone number is 571-272-7118. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8-4.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James McClellan can be reached on (571)272-6786. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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